

REMARKS**§ 102 Rejections**

Claims 1-13 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Olson et al. (US 6261700).

Olson et al. describes ceramer coating compositions and composite structures containing such coatings.

In further detail, column 20, lines 34-44 of Olson et al. states that,

“An optically functional structure can comprise the cured ceramer hardcoat composition contacting a substrate. The substrate can be a component of a light management device, e.g., in the form of a film, sheet, prism, a filter, an optical element such as a lens, a light conducting pipe, a computer screen, a CRT face plates, any of these including a microstructured surface, or any other form of light conducting device. It possible that more than one layer of a ceramer coating may be applied to a surface of a substrate, and that each layer has the same or different physical or optical properties.”

Accordingly, Olson et al. describes a component of a light management device having the described composition on the component's surface.

In contrast, the present invention is directed to brightness enhancing film wherein the prisms are prepared from certain polymerizable resin compositions as set forth in the claims.

To clarify this aspect, Claim 1 has been amended to recite, “A brightness enhancing film comprising an optical layer having a linear array of regular right prisms wherein the optical layer consists of the reaction product of a polymerizable composition . . .

Claim 19 has been amended to recite that the polymerizable composition comprises at least 25 wt-% of 2,4,6-tribromophenoxyethyl (meth)acrylate. The Applicant submits that Olson et al. does not describe the particular composition now recited by amended Claim 19.

Double Patenting

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 and 10 of copending Application Serial No. 10/727830.

Applicant will address the double patenting rejections by filing a terminal disclaimer or abandoning copending Application Serial No. 10/727830 once the rejection under 35 USC § 102(b) have been withdrawn. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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